



GMHOC Members Reach Over 1000

The Greenbelt Mutual Home Ownership Corporation signed up over 1,000 charter members with the close of the membership drive last week. Since that total represents well over 50% of Greenbelt residents, the Public Housing Administration will soon be contacted for the purchase of the town.

Residents can still join, and although they will not be charter members they will have an opportunity to vote on the by-laws, plans, and procedures.

The office over the drug store will be open daily except Saturday from 7 to 9 p. m., and on Saturday from 10 to 1 p. m. Mrs. R. H. Jule will be in charge of the office at these hours.

Parking Double? Double Trouble!

Chief of Police George Panagoulis reports a hazardous situation particularly around the center, due to drivers double-parking. Double-parking is a violation of town ordinance, Mr. Panagoulis pointed out, adding the department intends to enforce it. He urged that motorists use the parking lots, when at the center, thus protecting not only their own property, but the lives and safety of others.

Speeding is also another traffic hazard and there have been a number of arrests of careless drivers, according to the chief.

Local Guard Unit Holds First Rally

Greenbelt's Battery A, 224th Field Artillery Battalion of the Maryland National Guard, was initiated at the National Guard Rally last Monday night in the Community Building. Over 300 citizens and guests, including civic officials and officers of the D. C. and Maryland Guard, were present.

In addition to talks by Congressman Lansdale G. Sasser and Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, adjutant general of the State of Maryland, the program included music by the Greenbelt Community Band and the initial appearance of the Greenbelt Community Chorus under the direction of Dr. Harlan G. Randall, with Mrs. Gordon A. Finlay at the piano. Mayor Thomas J. Canning greeted the guests. The invocation was given by Rev. Eric T. Braund, Lt. USNR, and the benediction by Father Victor J. Dowgiallo. A color guard from the Greenbelt Post no. 136, American Legion, under the command of sergeant-at-arms Harry L. Bell, advanced and retired the colors.

Members Introduced

Plans for the organization of Battery A were announced by Lt. Col. David McIntosh, Battalion Commander. 1st Lt. Edward Kaighn, Jr. will command Battery A. 1st Lt. Donald V. Rich, 1st Lt. Ian Gordon and 2nd Lt. Walter Ehrlich will serve as officers of the unit. A group of fifteen men who have pledged enlistment in the Battery were introduced.

Vacancies in all enlisted grades are open to men with previous military experience, and opportunities for advancement after enlistment are open to younger men without experience. Age limits are 17 to 35 without previous experience, increasing to 38 with one year's service, to 40 with two years' service and increasing one year for each additional year of service. Men interested in joining are urged to contact Charles M. Cormack at the Management Office, Greenbelt 2031, for full information.

Enlistments and physical examinations began this week and will continue until the formation of the battery at its authorized strength of 5 officers and 77 enlisted men is completed. Dr. Louis H. Moody, Jr., who has been appointed contact surgeon, will make all physical examinations.

Free Ad

Greenbelters were greeted last night with the first edition of the INDEPENDENT. Edited by Mrs. Charlene Redd, the new paper carried a front-page editorial upholding the report of the Ploeser sub-committee of the Congressional Small Business Committee. Welcome to Editor Redd, her staff, and the INDEPENDENT.

Council Votes On Music Program

Greenbelt's budget was amended to the tune of \$3000 at last Wednesday's public hearing, bringing the total to \$177,045. The town's proposed fiscal outlay for 1948 now goes to the Public Housing Administration headquarters in New York along with the town council's request for payment in lieu of taxes.

The additional \$3,000 was appropriated to cover the expense of starting a music program in Greenbelt's elementary schools. Donna Romer, who presented the petition requesting such a program, pointed out that at present the county employs one musical supervisor who visits each school twice a year. A well-integrated program under a qualified director who could spend full-time in the Greenbelt schools would benefit Greenbelt children incalculably, Mrs. Romer argued, pointing out, in answer to an objection by Bernard Bordenet, that far from such a program being a burden on local taxpayers, it might well be taken over by the county in the near future.

Several citizens present at the hearing expressed approval of the proposal, including representatives of the Woman's Club and Legion Auxiliary. The final motion to add the budget was made by Councilman Granahan.

Salary changes for town employees and juvenile recreation were two subjects that brought about lively exchanges between the Council, Town Manager, and attending citizens, leading Mayor Canning to ask for order.

George Bauer sought to make an issue out of a change in salary for Public Health Officer William Eisner, after requesting Town Manager Gobbel to read the list of salaries for town officers and department heads. Mr. Bauer then asked if Dr. Eisner had been consulted when the council decided to reduce the public health officer's salary to \$1200, a decrease from his 1946 salary of \$1500. "We do not set any salary by conference with an employee," retorted Councilwoman Harrington, pointing out that the specific position referred to by Bauer was a part-time job for which the council thought the salary quite adequate.

(It was pointed out after the meeting that last year's council, under former Mayor Bauer, had authorized a salary of only \$600 for the public health officer.)

Lester Saunders, representing the American Legion, requested council aid with the Legion's program of baseball and football for teen-agers. Mayor Canning stated that the council had decided, upon receipt and study of the Legion's formal request, that it would not be willing to establish a precedent for giving public money to any one organization in town.

Ben Goldfaden objected to a proposed change in the baby playground program, whereby "sitter service" at the various central play-spots in the summertime would be replaced by the more concentrated efforts of a smaller, better-trained staff. Mr. Gobbel explained that the mater was still under study and that the amount appropriated for a "baby playground program" had not been cut.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Redd and Mrs. Romer, representing families living at the north end of Ridge Road, recounted the tribulations of developing in this area a playground for older children, intimating that town help had been too little and too late.

Bunch Of Squares At School Tonite

Funds raised by the elementary school PTA from Saturday's bake sale and the square dance being held tonight in the North End School auditorium will be used to defray the expenses of the delegates to the Maryland State PTA Congress held in Baltimore last week. The funds will also take care of other PTA expenses.

At the square dance tonight, demonstrations of the steps will be given before dancing begins in order that those who are not familiar with square dancing may be able to participate. In addition to the square dances there will be round dances, waltzes, reels and the Mexican clap dance. Refreshments will be sold.

In spite of bad weather, the PTA realized a profit of \$45 from the bake sale held in the theater lobby. All the 45 contributions of cakes and cookies were sold by 2 p. m.

GHA Membership Drive Starting

A membership drive, with a goal of at least 100 new members within a month, was announced this week by the Greenbelt Health Association.

The drive is based in part on preliminary contacting by member volunteers and will cover the entire town. The primary aim is to get new members so that the recently completed full-size staff of three doctors and three nurses may be fully utilized. GHA is also attempting to revive the interest of the present membership in the co-operative prepaid medical health plan and in its possibilities.

One feature of the drive is the establishment of a grievance committee which will try to anticipate and clarify the misunderstandings which arise among members.

At present the membership drive committee consists of the following members: Mr. and Mrs. George F. Nihart, Lars Bronstein, Mrs. Donald Plank, Mrs. Edgar M. Weber, and Mrs. Ira Solet. A complete list of block captains will be announced shortly.

Senior Class To Hold Ball

The senior class of the Greenbelt High School will present its annual Senior Ball next Friday, December 19. Dancing will be held from 9 to 12 p. m. Music by Walter Hubbel. Refreshments will be served. All alumni are invited.

1st Co-op Radio To Break Ground

At a gala ground breaking ceremony tomorrow, construction will start on the 250 foot transmitter of the first co-op FM radio station WCFM. The hour is set at 2:30 p. m. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend. The grounds are about 10 miles from Washington and can be reached by going across Key Bridge, onto Lee Highway, past Falls Church. After taking a right turn on West Street, on the top of a hill, and by-passing National Memorial Cemetery, signs marked WCFM will guide participants to the grounds.

William E. Warne, Assistant Secretary of the Interior is scheduled to give the dedicatory address.

With the start of construction, Mr. C. E. Behre, president, announces the appointment of a national campaign committee of the following outstanding people: Marquis Childs, chairman; Wendell Berge, John M. Carmody, Mrs. Raymond Clapper, Judge James A. Cobb, Leon Henderson, Sidney Hollander, Sr., Mordecai Johnson, Paul Kellogg, William Leiserson, Robert R. Nathan, A. J. Sabath, Jerry Voorhis and William E. Warne.

GCS Will Make \$22,500 For 1947; Steam-Shovels In 2 Weeks, Says Sam

"Very definitely in two weeks we will have steam shovels out there breaking ground for the new building," said Sam Ashelman, general manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services at its December 6 membership meeting. Mr. Ashelman stated that plans for remodeling of the service station had been completed, and that the work of remodeling will begin at about the same time as construction of the new building, thereby effecting economies in the construction of both.

Increase Request By Capital Transit Delayed A Month

The public hearings of the Public Service Commission held in Baltimore last week on the Capital Transit Company's request for a fare increase were attended by James T. Gobbel, town manager, and Councilman Francis T. Lastner. Mr. Lastner presented a resolution in opposition to the increase.

Representatives from a number of nearby towns and county civic organizations were present. A request was made of the Commission that, after Capital Transit finished presenting their evidence, the people opposing it be given at least 30 days in which to prepare a rebuttal. The Commission took the proposal under advisement. The hearings were postponed until January and the Capital Transit was requested not to put the increase into effect until after that time.

Claims Huge Loss

The Capital Transit Co. advised the commission that it could not agree to the suspension since its losses from operation in Maryland are now in excess of \$500,000 yearly.

The Public Service Commission, however, is standing by its decision to postpone the hearing until January, and the requested increase by the Capital Transit Company cannot go into effect until after the hearing.

Our Protest Seems To Have Influence

Despite the apparent lack of public interest evinced at the recent transportation hearing in Baltimore, the State Public Utility Commission seems alert to protect Maryland's apathetic commuters.

Councilman Frank Lastner told the Cooperator Wednesday that Greenbelt was the only town in the area covered by Prince Georges and Montgomery counties to formally protest the Capital Transit Company's proposed fare increase at the recent public hearing in Baltimore. Other towns were represented at the hearing, but the Greenbelt Town Council's resolution was the only protest to be officially presented to the People's Council for the State Public Utility Commission.

Mr. Lastner, who represented Greenbelt in the absence of Town Solicitor John White, proudly exhibited this week a copy of the Commission's recent order cancelling until April the fare increase requested by Capital Transit.

Forever Ember?

On Monday morning, December 8, an observant passerby prevented a serious fire at the Greenbelt theatre. Seeing a small fire on the roof, he notified the fire department which promptly extinguished the blaze. There was no damage. Sparks from a nearby boiler room caused the blaze.

Residents Asked To Contact Police

Greenbelt residents who have had telephone numbers changed or new phones installed during the past month are asked to notify the Police Department, so that these numbers may be recorded for use in emergencies.

Financial Backing

Mr. Ashelman stated that prospects for financing the new GCS building looked better than they had at any time previous, and that he was highly optimistic of having final arrangements completed very soon. He described conferences with two men of national and international prominence, whose names he could not divulge, both of whom were extremely interested and who were actively engaging in assisting the Greenbelt Co-op to secure the necessary capital.

The major part of the meeting was composed of Mr. Ashelman's report, which dealt with the problems faced by GCS in the last six months and the steps taken to solve them, as well as the treasurer's report and subsequent discussion. Since the 102 members present did not constitute a quorum, several important items on the agenda were omitted: election of nominations and elections committee; action on by-law amendments previously submitted by mail; and casting of proxy votes by the secretary on proposed charter changes.

Sales Increase

The treasurer's report showed that the volume of sales was up in 1947, to \$1,251,342 for the first nine months, as opposed to \$1,428,586 for the full 12 months in 1946. The gross margin, however, had dropped to 26.2% and the net margin to 1%. Mr. Ashelman later predicted on the basis of October and November sales, and on the customary end-of-year increase in sales, a net income of \$22,500 for 1947. This, Mr. Ashelman stated, should enable GCS to pay a 5% interest on the invested capital, and a patronage refund of 1%.

A lively discussion followed the treasurer's report, with one of the participants, Arthur Wetter, making rapid computations on the slide rule with which he had provided himself for the meeting. Chief target for the night was the low net margin for the year so far, \$12,006, compared unfavorably by A. D. Long to the outlay for education and promotion, \$12,500. Both items were featured by Mr. Ashelman in his report, and in the discussion period. He pointed out that \$2900 for advertising and display, \$500 spent last spring in opposition to the bill to tax patronage refunds, \$4400 in dues, the consumer aid program, and other items were charged to this account, as well as \$3350 in salaries.

Holding The Line

Mr. Ashelman went into great detail on the steps taken by GCS to keep the cost of living down for Greenbelt residents. Highlights were: the 18c milk price, despite a wholesale increase of 1½c; a hold-the-price policy on shoes, though costs had risen from 15 to 20%; the 5c cup of coffee (Institutions Magazine, a trade journal, recently set 8.45c as an average cost of a cup of coffee) and the continued 5c bus fare, even though the bus is now operating in the red.

Pointing out that these were also contributing factors to the decreased gross margin, Mr. Ashelman mentioned salary increases as another factor. During the three years of his management, the GCS work week dropped from 54 to 45 hours. In spite of this decrease, the take-home pay of non-management employees had increased 50% during this period, while management-level salaries, excluding the theater manager, had increased 17%. (The theater manager's salary had decreased). The average weekly pay for non-management employees, Mr. Ashelman stated, is \$37.50, while, according to the re-

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The Seamier Side-Part 2

Being held up to the rest of the world as an example is a two-sided coin. Heads: results of city planning are carefully observed by housing experts everywhere, and other communities adopt the measures which bring about such results. Tails: a member of the exemplary community beats his wife over the head, and headlines in Nebraska state "Guinea Pig Town Produces Wife Beaters."

Awareness of Greenbelt's position in the spotlight has led most Greenbelt leaders to ignore publicly any suggestion that life here is other than perfect in every respect.

Such a policy is short-sighted and unsuccessful in its purpose. No matter how distasteful an incident may be, the distortion which occurs with each repetition of a rumor has the two-fold result of increasing the distastefulness of the incident and leaving the public with a lack of confidence in official sources of news. The present Greenbelt problem of wholesale juvenile mischief is an outgrowth, in part, of this policy.

We cannot shift the entire blame from our own parental shoulders, however. Our town is so highly publicized as a model community that we move into Greenbelt with the idea that Johnnie's personality quirks will be straightened out merely by his residence here. We look at the large expanse of play area surrounding our homes, away from streets, and let Johnnie out, like a cow to pasture. Those parents who assume responsibility for their own children's behavior have thrust upon them the additional responsibility of the kids next door.

We plan a town's physical layout to near-perfection, giving the child the minimum temptation to mischief. We plan for the intelligent and humane handling of minors after they have passed from the mischievous into the delinquent stage.

A juvenile complaint board together with cooperative parents and an informed citizenry could plan for the elimination of delinquency almost to the vanishing point.

Hearts And Flowers By CTC

The Public Service Commission heard last week that rising costs have put a squeeze play on Capital Transit. Councilman Frank Lastner and Town Manager James Gobel, who represented Greenbelt at the hearing in Baltimore, were not given an opportunity to speak. If they had, they might have pointed out what a squeeze play will be put on our budgets if our fares are doubled.

Interjected in the transit monopoly's plea was the "increased labor costs" involved in the 15-cents-an-hour increase it recently gave its employees. It was not brought out that the increase was followed by a cut-back to a five-day week; that the worker therefore works eight hours less per week; that those eight hours formerly paid him time-and-a-half; and that his weekly pay is thus less than it was before the "increase." Does Capital Transit leave it to us to point out that the additional employees hired for those hours are paid at a straight rate, thus eliminating all time-and-a-half from the payroll?

PCS has postponed the hearings until January, in spite of a CTC refusal to postpone its request voluntarily. When the chance at rebuttal is offered on the operating loss claimed in Maryland, we hope someone will bring up the gradual but consistent lowering in quality of Maryland service. Greenbelt, always a transit step-child, has been reduced finally to the shuttle connection with Branchville, leaving us at the mercy of sporadic street-car service. Anyone who has waited an hour in the snow in downtown Washington for a Branchville street-car, which has been delayed by a break-down somewhere along the line, is likely to listen with favor to the proponents of municipally-owned public transit systems. Can government bureaucracy be accused more justly than Capital Transit of inefficiency, when decreased service increases the cost to its patrons?

The Swedish co-op bathtub fac- tory at Gustavsberg, which will be- a day. . . . Hope there are no gin production late this year, ex- slips!

Xmas Greetings For Servicemen

Want to send Christmas greet- ings to Greenbelt boys in the service? A few addresses are given here. If you have any others, send them to the Operator right away, so cards and letters can reach your friends before Christmas.

Sgt. James T. McCarl, ASN 13210071, 5th Cav. Reg., APO 201-1, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California; Richard F. Burke, S C Div., USS Portsmouth C L-102, c/o FPO, New York, N.Y.; T/5 Le-Gran A. Benefiel, ASN 13210115, 425th ASF Band, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.; Pvt. Clayton S. McCarl, ASN 13263004, Potential Leadership School, Fort Jackson, So. Carolina.

To The Editor:

The Other Side

Some residents seem to think that a petition sent to either the Post Office Department or the Civil Service Commission calling attention to the good record and pleasant character of the previous carrier may effect a reinstatement of that individual, or the cancellation of the new carrier's appointment, or both. This is not so. Such a petition would serve only as an indication of appreciation for services rendered. It would have no effect on the lawful and required action which has been taken to separate a temporary appointee who lacks competitive eligibility and appoint a person who has met the competitive requirements for the job.

The clerk-carrier examination is one of the most practical exams given in the civil service. The appointee proved, through competition in that exam, his fitness for the job. I doubt that anyone would deny a veteran the opportunity to compete with other citizens for a civilian job in the government which he served in uniform.

In the Washington City Post Office alone, about 1,200 ineligible temporary workers were dropped when regular appointments were made of successful competitors. It is impossible to tailor the regulations to fit individual cases, or exempt individuals from the rules, when a government-wide program is involved.

LYMAN L. WOODMAN

Wrong Emphasis?

To the Editor:

Does a Greenbelt National Guard unit give us more security or answer individual or community needs?

Is the training provided by the National Guard the kind to develop the thinking, character and constructive leadership needed in this atomic age when Europe is only a night flight away? Would the influence of the National Guard lull us into a sense of false security by placing trust in the use of weapons alone to solve international conflicts? When everybody admits that this area has far too crowded school buildings to educate our children properly, no adequate community building, no nursery school except basement quarters, no church buildings, few hobby facilities, is it wise for community leaders to encourage the spending of state money for an armory when these other building needs are so much more pressing?

The main point of an article, "The Military Move In" in the December issue of Harpers magazine, by Hanson Baldwin, military analyst of the *New York Times*, himself a graduate of Annapolis, is "the growing influence of the military in American life is dangerous to our American liberties." It is against federal laws for a government agency to use tax money to influence legislation. It is a shock to discover from Mr. Baldwin's report how the military uses tax money and well-intentioned local committees and individuals to influence legislation and foster a military spirit.

Our town has attracted world-wide attention and a steady stream of foreign visitors because of its atmosphere and fine pattern for living. Is it necessary for us to introduce into Greenbelt a sample of the horse-and-buggy method of solving international conflicts? Should we be complacent about a National Guard in Greenbelt?

—MARGARET ASHELMAN..

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group will meet at 10-B Hillside, Thursday at 8 p. m.

Community Church Protestant

Friday, December 12—
8 p. m.—Couples' Club bowling at the Chevy Chase Ice Palace.
Sunday, December 14—
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School. The worship centers around Universal Bible Sunday.

10 a. m.—Men's Bible Class.
10:50 a. m.—Church nursery for pre-school children.

11 a. m.—Church Worship. Sermon Topic: "Jesus is more than a hero." Christmas choral music directed by Thomas Ritchie, with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ.

7:30 p. m.—Youth Center program.

8 p. m.—Board of Deacons and Deaconesses at the church office.

Tuesday, December 16—

8 p. m.—Evening Guild Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Ralph E. Miller, 10-A Crescent rd.

8:15 p. m.—Church Women's Discussion Group at Rachel Garner's, 11-B Parkway.

Wednesday, December 17—

3:15 p. m.—Junior choir rehearsal in the home economics room.

8 p. m.—Senior choir rehearsal in room 201. Anyone interested in singing in the Christmas Cantata is invited.

Thursday, December 18—

8 p. m.—Fidelis Bible Class Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Edwin Huffman, 33-A Ridge rd.

On Sunday evening, December 21, there will be a special program of music and Nativity scenes. There will be Christmas carol singing preceding the program.

JCC Services

Sabbath Services will be conducted by Rabbi Sandhaus, Friday, December 12, at 8:30 p. m. in the social room of the Center School. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, will be celebrated by the Hebrew Sunday School on Sunday, December 14, at 12:30 p. m. in the Center School auditorium.

A ten-cent wrapped gift will be brought by each child for mutual exchange. This gift-giving is in the characteristic spirit of the holiday.

Refreshments will be served. All children are invited.

Latter Day Saints

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday—

Sunday School Prayer Meeting, 10:15 a. m., Social Room.

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Priesthood Meeting, 11:45 a. m., Social Room.

Sacrament Service, 6:30 p. m., Social Room.

Monday—

Children's Primary, 4 p. m., Room 120, Elementary School.

Thursday—

Women's Relief Society, Room 201, Elementary School.

Slightly more than 6,400,000 World War II veterans now have applied for education or job-training under the G. I. Bill for the able-bodied and Public Law 16 for the disabled, Veterans Administration said.

St. Hugh's Catholic Church

Daily Mass: 7 a. m. in St. Hugh's Chapel, 58-A Crescent Road.

Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, December 13, at 4 p. m., 19-F Hillside.

Confessions: Saturday from 4-5 p. m., for children and from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. for adults.

Sunday Masses: 7:30 and 9:30 a. m. in the theater.

7:30 a. m. Mass: Corporate Communion Sunday for all members of the Holy Name Society. The Mass will be offered for their special intentions.

9:30 a. m. Mass: Choir practice immediately following the Mass.

8:45-9:15 a. m.: Catechism Classes in the theater for all Catholic children attending public schools. Instructions begin promptly at 8:45. A bus will leave the Center at 8:30 a. m.

1 p. m.: Baptisms.

Wednesday, December 17: Choir rehearsal for children of St. Hugh's Parish in room 201 of the Center School at 5 p. m.

Wednesday, 8:15 p. m.: Regular monthly meeting of the Holy Name Society, in the social room of the Center School.

The schedule of Masses on Christmas includes a Midnight Mass in Greenbelt, which will be celebrated in the theater. At 9 a. m. Christmas Morning there will be a special children's Mass in the theater.

Lutheran Church

Pastor, Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow
Phone WAfield 0942 or
Hyattsville 0383

Service: 12:30 p. m. in the home economics room of the Center School.

Sunday School: 11 p. m. Sunday school service will be held at this hour only until Christmas.

Tuesday: Deeper Spiritual Life Conference at Mt. Rainier Church, 8 p. m.

Wednesday: Deeper Spiritual Life Conference in Greenbelt in room 223 of the Center School, 8 p. m.

Thursday: Choir rehearsal at 6-Z-2 Plateau Place, 8 p. m.

Friday: Lydia Guild meets at 8 p. m.

Saturday: Junior Confirmation Class meets at 45-D Ridge Road at 4 p. m.

Sunday: December 14, 1947, Holy Communion will be celebrated in all church services in Greenbelt at 12:30 p. m.

At 3 p. m. the Dedication of the school in Hyattsville. Speakers will be Dr. J. W. Behnken, president of the Missouri Synod, and Dr. O. A. Sauer, president of the Southeastern district.

Children's Christmas service will be held on Sunday, December 21, at 4 p. m.

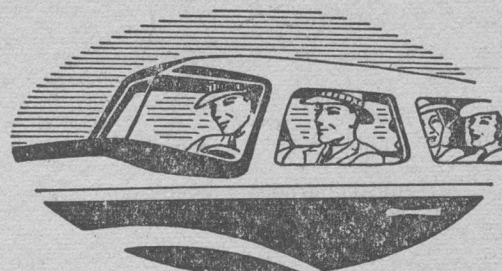
Gomo-Lehr

Mrs. Maida I. McGuckin of 18-A Ridge Road has announced the engagement of her daughter, Virginia W. Gomo, to Richard L. Lehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lehr of Mt. Rainier.

Miss Gomo is a graduate of Greenbelt High School. Mr. Lehr is a graduate of Mt. Rainier High School. He served four years overseas with the Navy as a radioman.

The wedding will take place in January.

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Basketball League Opens Season

The basketball league got off to a good start Thursday, December 4, with what seems to be a better-balanced league than last year. Many newcomers showed up.

At 7:15 in the opener, Fox's team set down Provost's team 32-19. Fox's team missed few of their shots but the Provost quintet had bad luck from all angles. In the second game Lynch's team bettered the hard-fighting aggregation of Red O'Connell by the score of 35-32. This game was won in a five-minute overtime period. The final whistle had sounded with the score tied 28 all.

The final game was also very close and hard-played as Kollar's team scored in the last ten seconds of play to beat Linderman's five 48-47. Linderman's team was forced to play the entire game with five men, as they still lack players to complete their roster. Those who wish to come down may still sign with any of the six teams.

Box scores:

First Game			
FOX	FG	FT	Pts.
Neuman	0	0	0
Strickler	1	0	2
Helgren	1	0	2
Runnion	0	0	0
Fox	4	1	9
Scott	3	0	6
Benefiel	6	1	13

PROVOST			
Fickes	FG	FT	Pts.
Sommers	0	0	0
Brewer	3	1	7
Ward	2	2	6
Costa	1	0	2
Raduazo	0	0	0
Clark	1	1	3

7	5	19
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Second Game			
LYNCH	FG	FT	Pts.
Knowles	3	1	7
Eckhardt	1	1	3
Gleaser	4	3	11
Butterfield	2	0	4
Fitzpatrick	1	0	2
Wade	1	0	2
Perry	0	0	0
Dyer	0	0	0
Lynch	2	0	4
Coming	1	0	2

O'CONNELL			
Rowell	FG	FT	Pts.
Glazier	2	0	4
Burt	5	1	11
Congolosi	3	0	6
O'Connell	1	0	2
O'Connell	1	0	2
Clay	2	1	5
Bruno	0	0	0

15	2	32
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Third Game			
LINDERMAN	FG	FT	Pts.
Buck	5	0	10
Linderman	11	2	22
Blanchard	2	0	4
Cookson	2	2	6
Chellman	2	0	4

KOLLAR			
Nihart	FG	FT	Pts.
Zanin	0	0	0
Davidson	5	2	12
Gallagher	0	0	0
Kollar	5	1	11
Cawley	0	0	0

21	6	48
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Games for December 11:
7:15—Lynch vs. Linderman
8:20—Kollar vs. Provost
9:25—Fox vs. O'Connell

Veterans Committee Hears Westbrook

Col. Lawrence Westbrook, president of the Trans-American Development Corporation which is handling the arrangements of negotiating with the government for the purchase of Greenbelt, spoke on mutual housing at a special meeting of the American Veterans Committee. The meeting was held at the home of Morris Solomon, 4-E Laurel Hill Road, on December 7.

Zionists Celebrate New Holiday

The Zionist group of Greenbelt will have a party at the home of the Zeldins, 45-E Ridge Road on Friday night, December 12, after services of the Jewish Community Center. The party will celebrate Independence Day, a holiday created by the Jews of Palestine, coinciding with the first day of Chanukah, to commemorate the official approval by the United Nations of the formation of a Jewish State in Palestine.

Navy Wives' Club Plans Party Dance

The Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club met Dec. 2 at the home of Mrs. Helen Gramatte, 51-A Ridge Road. It was planned to hold a Christmas party and dance on December 18 at the Athletic Club.

Wives of Navy men and ex-Navy wives are invited to attend the meetings which are held the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Saturday Nursery School Started

The Saturday morning cooperative nursery school for three-year-olds started December 3. The youngsters enrolled in the school are: Lenore Algaze, Siri Ashelman, Johnny Bridge, Robert Fink, Tommy Howard, Meryl Pearlman, Alexis Pogorelskin, Michael Stalberg, Peter Solet. Linda Solomon, director of the Saturday school, introduced the children to the opening session.

There are four vacancies in the group which meets from 9:30 a. m. to noon. For information, call 5342. To register, call 5677.

Hit-Run Driver Caught By Police

Three cars parked in a Hillside Road parking area were struck by a hit-and-run driver late last Sunday night. The automobiles belonged to Samuel J. Ringel, Francis Adams, and Thomas A. Shipp, of the 13, 11 and 12 courts on Hillside Road. Upon hearing the crash, Roland N. Roby of 11-B Hillside looked out his window and saw a 1937 car pulling away. His description of the car aided the police department in sending out an alarm.

The drive of the car, Edwin F. Uber, of 5418 15th Ave., Mount Rainier, was picked up in College Park by the officer on duty.

The case is being settled out of court, damages being covered by insurance. However, the driver will be held and charged with reckless driving.

Ladies Of Charity To Hold Meeting

The Greenbelt Ladies of Charity will be hostesses to the Prince Georges County Ladies of Charity Sunday, Dec. 14. The meeting, scheduled to begin at 2 p. m., will be held in the social room of the Center school. Reports of the work done by the local organizations will be given, county officers will speak and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Dorothy Bordenet, president of the Ladies of Charity, has appointed Mrs. Dorothy McConnell chairman of arrangements and refreshments.

Homes In Parkbelt May Also Be Sold

The Parkbelt homes between Crescent Road and Woodland Way may be sold to individual purchasers, the Cooperator learned last week.

At present the ten single-family detached units are rented by the Parkbelt Homes, Inc., a Midwest concern.

The corporation may also erect additional houses.

Residents of the Parkbelt homes received a 15% raise in rent last July. In conformity with federal law, the raise brings rents to \$57.50 a month, with extra charges for heat and utilities.

Woman's Club Holds Christmas Party

The Woman's Club held its annual Christmas party in the social room of the Center School on December 11 at 8:15 p.m. There was an exchange of gifts and a program of entertainment.

Mrs. H. M. Goode was in charge of arrangements, assisted by Mrs. W. F. Ehrhardt, Mrs. Lawrence P. Fern, Mrs. Thomas R. Freeman, Mrs. David Granahan, Mrs. Carson M. Howell and Mrs. Freeland Ramsdell.

Cuts in the budget of the Department of Agriculture have resulted in the elimination of the only regular government publication directed at consumers—Consumers Guide.

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Mrs. Cahn Tells CJW Relief Story

At a meeting of the local Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Moise S. Cahn outlined recent program developments, including the establishment of young women's homes in Greece and France, and the granting of American scholarships to European women who will be trained for rehabilitation work in their own countries. The meeting was held Thursday, December 11, at 8-B Parkway.

Besides being vice-president of the National Council and a member of the national board, Mrs. Cahn is president of the organization's Southern Interstate Conference. She also serves as New Orleans Commander of the American Cancer Society; Chairman of Region 10, Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare; and is a member of the boards of the Urban League, the Family Service Society, the Jewish Children's Home, and the Community Volunteer Service.

During the war, Mrs. Cahn received a Distinguished Service Citation for her work as director of the New Orleans War Block Service of the Office of Civilian Defense.

Library Displays Christmas Books

Now that the Christmas season is almost here many parents will be interested in getting some books for the children of the household. The town library now has a display of Christmas books. A few of the titles are listed below: Barker, Why Teddy Bears Are Brown; Bernhard, Lullaby-Why the Pussy Cat Washes Himself So Often; Dall, Scamper's Christmas; Douvison, The Christmas Whale; Ewing, Three Christmas Trees; Milhous, Snow Over Bethlehem; Monsell, Paddy's Christmas; Sawyer, The Way to Christmas; Tazewell, The Littlest Angel; Smith, Christmas Book of Legends and Stories; Woddy, The Stars Came Down.

The library will be closed from noon, December 24, to January 5.

Shop in Greenbelt stores and save yourself money.

Community Chorus Wants More Voices

The Greenbelt Community Chorus invites all men and women interested in singing to become members. The Chorus meets each Monday night in the home economics room of the Center school at 8:30 p. m. New members are invited to attend or to call Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, membership chairman, at GR. 3746.

A concert will be given in the auditorium of the Center school on Monday, January 19. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Chorus.

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North End Kids On Quiz Program

Phonographs to participating schools, prizes to contestants, and an encyclopedia to the winning school are all part of the "Quiz-down Program" radio show in which children from the North End school will participate. Parents and school age children are invited to attend.

This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 20, at 10 a. m. Twelve pupils, six of them alternates, from grades 4, 5, and 6 of the North End School, will go to Bladensburg Junior High School auditorium to make a recording of the broadcast, which will be aired December 27 from 10 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. over station WTOP. The recording will be used because the Christmas holidays might interfere with pupil and teacher attendance.

The students will have the opportunity to view a broadcast contest between two other schools at the time they make their recording. Later, the recording will be presented to the school.

Contestants were selected by a specimen "Quizdown" for each grade represented. Greenbelt will be pitted against pupils of the Bowie Elementary School.

Report

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cent Nathan report, average pay for the country is \$28.00. The salaries of store employees amounted to 13.8% of sales for 1947, an increase of 1.5% over the 12.5% of sales for 1946 salaries, while salaries of the administrative staff increased to 1.7% of sales, a 1% increase over the 1946 percentage of 1.6%.

Lower Margins

Other factors in the reduced margin were the increased cost of electricity and heat, a \$2,000 expenditure on employees' insurance, \$3100 spent for physical improvements in the theater, and losses sustained by the bus, radio shop and pantry.

The theater, Mr. Ashelman said, operated in the red for the first four months of the year, when the price was still 25c. The net margin for the third quarter, after all expenses, was 3%. This had gone up in October to 8%. He pointed out that attendance at the theater decreased this year, following the national trend to smaller theater audiences, with the inevitable result of a lower margin.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY MCGEE
Phone 5677

A farewell party was given by the Cooperator staff last Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Hull at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peritzweig, 6-F Hillside Road. Mrs. Hull received a handsome evening bag as a good-bye present. As her parting gift, Mrs. Jack Schaeffer, unable to be there, sent along a painting of the Greenbelt lake she had made, and which Mrs. Hull had admired. The Hulls will be leaving Greenbelt on December 23, will visit with their families and then sail on the Nea Hellas at noon, December 31, for Greece where Mr. Hull will be an attaché at the United States Embassy in Athens. They are taking along a special trunk filled with good, used clothing for the needy people in Greece. If you would like to help them fill their trunk, bring your contributions of old clothes, or soap and canned milk to 2-B Woodland Way soon.

A baby girl was born at Leland Memorial Hospital on December 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Emery of 44-B Ridge Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Kollar of 11-E Southway had as their weekend guests recently Mr. Kollar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Forster of Mount Vernon, New York.

Recent patients at Leland Memorial Hospital were James Forr of 10-Q Plateau Place, Thomas Waigand of 16-Z-1 Ridge Road, Dennis Donellan of 44-A Ridge Road, recovering from pneumonia, and Marjorie Schwab of 11-S Ridge Road and Martha Weisbroth of 19-N Ridge Road who both underwent tonsillectomies.

Mrs. Frances Stouffer, our Public Health Nurse, is a kind and gracious lady who does many thoughtful things not in the line of duty. Not long ago, little Susan Schwimmer came down with the chicken pox just when the family was scheduled to move to a larger house at 45-S Ridge Road. Mrs. Schwimmer's task of moving was not made easier by having to care for younger daughter Carol and her sick sister. Mrs. Stouffer came to the rescue and took Susan by car to her new home. Susan has sufficiently recovered to celebrate her sixth birthday by attending a performance of "Peter Pan" in Washington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Singer of

10-K Plateau Place announce the birth of their third child and second daughter, Eileen Marie, on November 28 at Leland Memorial Hospital.

A daughter was born November 19 at Leland Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Jordan, Jr. of 54-L Ridge Road.

Sylvia Keaton of 25-A Ridge Road wore her new brown winter coat for just one day to school and left it on the ball field behind the swimming pool. She had removed it to play ball and when she wanted to put it on, it was nowhere to be found. It does seem a shame that in our community we must be made to feel that we dare not put down a thing for an instant. Happily it does not always happen so; most people are honest and realize that when they find something, it still belongs to the rightful owner, and try to return it.

Mr. and Mrs. Easton White, former Greenbelters who moved to Camp Shanks, New York, in September, recently became parents of a daughter, Suzanne. Their address is 36 West 601st st., Camp Shanks, Orangeburg, N. Y.

Miss Mildred Morris of Chicago is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crane, 6-E Plateau Place. She will also be the guest of Dena Dworsky on Parkway. She brings greetings from the Maryns and Martha Haynes, former Greenbelters.

Mrs. Florence Evans of 8-H Parkway spent Thanksgiving at her home on a farm near Albany, New York. She also attended a niece's wedding there.

A small fire was reported on November 25 in the Tom Ricker home. The extent of the damage was not estimated; however, the piano and its scarf were scorched and several holes were burned in the rug.

Karen Jorgensen of 2-T Laurel Hill Road celebrated her sixth birthday on Nov. 30 with a party. Present were her aunt and grandmother of Washington, recently returned from Denmark.

Many thanks to Gerry Backstrom who so cheerfully wrote this column while we were away.

Drop-Inn To Hear FBI Representative

The program of the Drop Inn for Sunday night at 7:30 is a movie and a speaker from the FBI, with a possible fingerprint demonstration.

Following the program there will be group games directed by Mrs. Ellen Linson. Girls and boys are invited.

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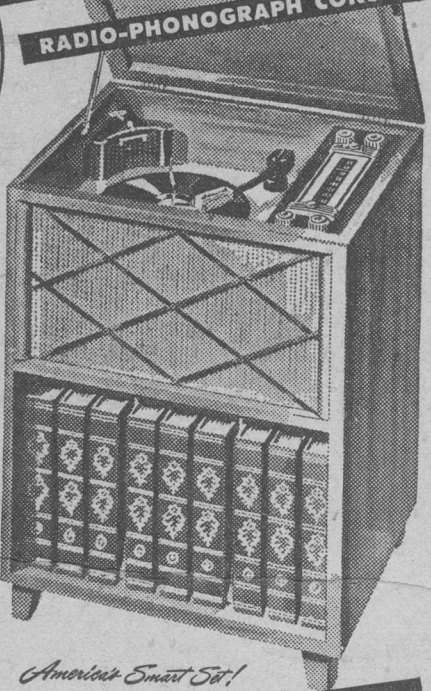
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